Caught Calling

Washington

The White House confirmed Nixon telephoned H. R. Haldeman after his former chief of staff was indicted. But press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Mr. Nixon explained it was to congratulate Haldeman on his 25th wedding anniversary.

A check of records, however, disclosed that Haldeman was married Feb. 19, 1949, and if Mr. Nixon's telephone call was an annniversary greeting it was a belated one — by some two weeks. Haldeman was indicted last Friday.

Ziegler said Mr. Nixon gave him that explanation and he had no other details.

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